



DIMS is a bright idea

BY ANA WATTS

Created to enhance administrative efficiency and communication, the custom designed Diocesan Information Management System (DIMS) was launched at the Clergy Conference in August and was an immediate hit. Not only were clergy impressed by its user-friendly configuration and wealth of useful information, they were delighted with their part in the system.

"The clergy really feel like partners in this undertaking," says Bishop Claude Miller. "They are pleased with the improved administrative efficiencies the system offers and they are very pleased with the trust and confidence we have placed in them by making them vital members of the team."

The amount of parish, deanery, archdeaconry and diocesan data that needs to be shared is staggering — annual parish statistical returns, synod reports, parish leadership and organizational membership information, records of baptisms, marriages and deaths are just the tip of the iceberg. The process can be burdensome and tedious. DIMS is an efficient, secure, electronic solution.

Over the past several months diocesan staff created the DIMS database by entering the most recent statistics and information. Clergy at the conference were able to log on to the secure system and find everything from the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of their wardens to the number of communicants last Easter. From now on, instead of filling out endless forms to notify the diocese of changes to this and other information following each annual meeting, necessary updates can be made quickly and easily in DIMS.

"It may take a bit of getting used to," says Bishop Miller. "I'm sure in some cases we may end up with two ACW presidents in a parish because a new one was simply added rather than replacing the old one, but that kind of glitch is easily handled. We will monitor it at the diocesan level to ensure the integrity of the information in the system."

As useful and convenient as it is at the parish level, DIMS will profoundly effect efficiency at the diocesan level. Up-to-date figures will always be available

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CAMP FRIENDS



CAROL ANNINGSOON

Diocesan youth summer camps Medley and Brookwood offer great opportunities to make new friends. Michael Naves, a happy camper at Medley, made new friends of many shapes, sizes and colours.

New policies on privacy and sexual misconduct

The Diocese of Fredericton recently developed new official policies to address two very important issues in the church and society: privacy and sexual misconduct. They were developed by a task force of the

diocesan Constitution and Canons Committee. Its membership included working legal professionals and experts in the field of human rights. The policy documents are being presented to church leaders this

month at a series of training sessions throughout the diocese.

"All members of our Anglican family need to be aware of the existence and content of these policies so I encourage all parish leaders — including clergy,

wardens, vestry members, committee members, Christian education personnel, youth leaders, ACW and Mothers' Union representatives — to participate in one of the training workshops offered in October."

says Bishop Claude Miller.

It is vital that we all understand the need for our attention to standards for the treatment of personal

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Stewardship workshops continue

Rejuvenating the Parish stewardship workshops will be held in St. George, Riverview and Florenceville this fall.

Designed to help parishes in which envelope offerings no longer keep pace with increasing expenses, the workshops offer modern ways to supplement traditional approaches to stewardship. Parishes are encouraged to send teams — including the rector,

wardens, stewardship chair and treasurer — to the interactive sessions that will incorporate teaching, small group discussions and practical planning. There will be plenty of information on new trends affecting stewardship and giving; the relationship between stewardship and ministry; different ways to approach congregations concerning stewardship; what motivates

people to give or hesitate to give; how to develop a parish plan for ministry and stewardship; and the value of a parish-wide visitation program.

The series began with a successful workshop in Bathurst in April. The St. George workshop will be held Oct. 22 and St. Mark's Church. The Riverview workshop takes

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DIOCESAN NEWS

NATIONAL CONSULTATION



Representatives of the National Church's Letting Down the Nets stewardship initiative were in Fredericton recently to discuss the diocese's proposal to participate in a pilot project that would include a full-time financial and congregational development position. They met with the bishop and diocesan executive at Cathedral Memorial Hall. From left to right above are: Bishop Claude Miller; Kevin Smith, planned giving consultant; Canon Geoff Jackson, senior development officer; and Archdeacon John Robertson, national consultant for financial development.

ANA WATTS

Program adaptable for other Anglican administrations

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for budget preparation, registration of synod delegates will be a breeze, and communication will be swift and efficient.

"When we plan an event for layreaders, we will be able to pull a complete list of layreaders from throughout the diocese from the list," says Bishop Miller. "If we want to correspond with them by e-mail, DIMS can handle it. If we want to send them something by

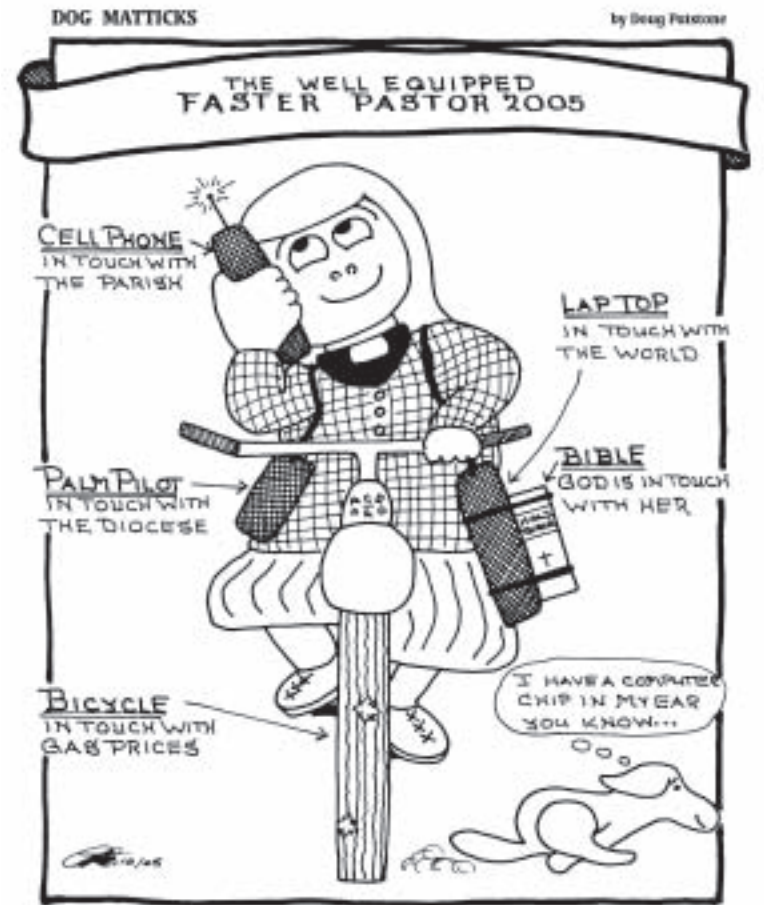
Canada Post, DIMS will print labels for the envelopes."

Youth ministry is a priority in the diocese, and next year the bishop intends to host a rally for the recently confirmed in the diocese. DIMS will play an important role in making sure everyone gets an invitation.

Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, the bishop's executive assistant, worked directly with software developers TAS Solutions in Saint John to create DIMS. It took more than a year to develop

the concept and a prototype. The launch in August was DIMS Release 1.0. Like most software, it will evolve as more effective ways to use the system are discovered and more concrete functions are developed.

Because DIMS was developed especially for an Anglican church administration, future DIMS releases could well be customized and sold to other Anglican jurisdictions throughout the country or even the Communion.



Regional sessions available

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information collected and retained by the church, and the privacy of the individuals to whom it belongs. We must also continue to be vigilant in our attention to the reality and possibility of sexual misconduct and abuse in our church communities, the bishop continued.

Training sessions are offered in three different regions of the diocese on three successive Saturdays: St. Mary's, Chatham

(Miramichi) on Oct. 8; St. James the Less, Rothesay (Saint John area), Oct. 15; Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton, Oct. 22.

Register on-line at <http://anglican.nb.ca/register/index.html> or contact the Rev. Leo Martin 506/433-3701, padvic@nbnet.nb.ca.

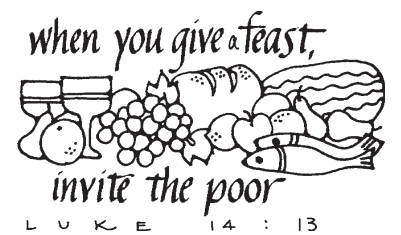
The policies are available on-line at http://anglican.nb.ca/admin/guidelines/b_14.html; and http://anglican.nb.ca/admin/guidelines/b_12.htm.

Registrations accepted by phone and e-mail

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place on Nov. 5 at St. John the Baptist. The Florenceville workshop is scheduled for Nov. 19 at a location to be announced.

Registration is through Don Thompson at donsan@nbnet.nb.ca or (506) 753 3522.



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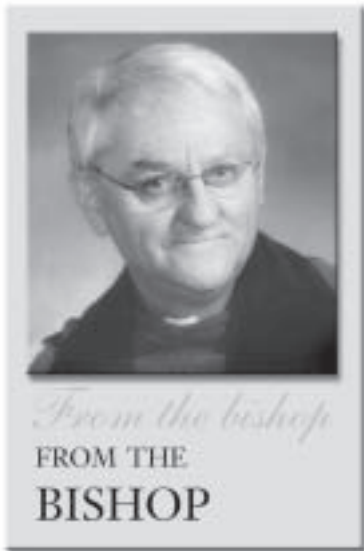
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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Excitement builds for dinners and camps

The dictionary definition of the word excitement is "the feeling of lively enjoyment or pleasant anticipation." This aptly describes what I have witnessed and experienced in the diocese as I travel about on my archdiaconal visitations when the subject of the Bishop's Dinners is under discussion. Folks are looking forward to this time of gathering and fellowship focused on the rebuilding and renovation of our Diocesan Camps. There are lots of enthusiastic questions — How do I get a ticket? How do I make a pledge? How well are we doing? When do we start construction? — as we finalize arrangements for the seven dinner venues around the diocese.

I too share the incredible excitement generated by the good work of the capital campaign organizing committee and the positive camping experience of nearly a thousand campers and camp staff again this year. The building improvements at both



camps over the past months, and a renewed program aimed at strengthening spiritual renewal for the campers and staff have produced positive results at both camps. This was evidenced in my visit to Camp Medley and in conversation with camp directors, staff and campers of both camps. There is renewed hope in keeping with our vision as our pledge base builds and participation widens.

Early on in the campaign it appeared that government and corporate donors would be a sure source of funding. We have witnessed limited response in this regard and the Diocesan Executive has directed me and the Campaign Cabinet to focus our efforts on parishes, individual Anglicans and "friends" of the camps. Camp friends include K&W Meats in Gagetown, the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage Foundation, the Wiggins Home, The Royal Bank of Canada, and the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John. We are truly grateful for their friendship.

My appeal to every Anglican of the diocese is to support the Capital Campaign by way of a one-time donation or pledge. The Bishop's Dinners are but one opportunity for this.

In the year 2000 more than 90 percent of our parishes stated that "youth ministry" should be our priority. This has been the focus and intent of our diocese since then. Our diocesan camps play a major

role in our ministry with and to youth. Please consider this an urgent appeal to move forward with the faith development of our youth.

A giant THANK YOU to all who have supported our efforts thus far and similarly to all those who plan to support them in this phase of the campaign. Support for our camps draws all of us closer to God and His kingdom. This is an exciting time in our corporate life. See you at the dinner in your area.

Sincerely in the love of Christ,



Claude Miller is bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Oct. 12
Bishop's Dinner, Chatham
 - Oct. 15
PWRDF Workshop
 - Oct. 16
Parish of F'ton Junction 2 p.m.
 - Oct. 19-20
Female Clergy Retreat,
 - Oct. 23
Parish of Campbellton
125th Anniversary *
 - Oct. 24-28
House of Bishops
 - Nov. 1
Bishop's Counsel
 - Nov. 2
Bishop's Dinner
Kingston/Kennebecasis
 - Nov. 5-6
National Committee, Toronto
 - Nov. 8
Parish of Stanley, 7 p.m.
 - Nov. 9
Diocesan Council
Bishop's Dinner, Saint John
 - Nov. 13-17
Deanery of St. Andrews.
 - Nov. 16
Bishop's Dinner, St. Andrews
- * denotes confirmation

What is this camps capital campaign all about?

This is the most frequently asked question I get as I tour the province in my role as campaign coordinator. The simple answer is that it is all about sustaining and enhancing our ministry to youth.

The Anglican Diocese of Fredericton has operated two church camps for several decades — Camp Medley near Gagetown, and Camp Brookwood in central New Brunswick. For more than 60 years these camps have provided more than 50,000 children of all faiths with a rich summer camping experience that many carry with them for a lifetime. The camps provide an atmosphere where all that come are free to grow and experience Christ. In the beautiful, informal outdoor setting of the camps, generations of children have been nurtured by the beauty of nature, faith and community.

Over the years the camps were upgraded and improved as funds allowed, but this amounted to fairly minimal maintenance. Complete extensive repairs and upgrades are now necessary in order to continue operation at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood. The diocese and the camp boards recognized this fact some time ago and thus *Building Faith For A Lifetime*, our camps capital campaign, was born.

The objective of this campaign is to raise \$1 million

over the next four years through corporate, foundation, individual, and church group donations and pledges. Ideally, we thought that if we could get a thousand of the 22 thousand Anglicans in the province to pledge a thousand dollars each, we would have our million dollars. And if we could get those thousand Anglicans to make an e-offering of \$25 a month for 40 months, we could go to the bank, get the funding we require and start construction. All for the price of a cup of coffee a day.

With the donation of \$1,000 from the sale of our first ticket to the Bishop's Dinner, our campaign total for 2005, as of Sept. 19, stands at \$197,933.09. Contributions have been a little slower than we had first hoped but we have already reached almost 20% of our goal.

So what are we going to do with One Million Dollars?

Camp Medley's required improvements total \$910,000 and include: \$725,000 for a new main hall; \$60,000 for new washrooms; \$100,000 for the refurbishment of staff accommodations; and \$25,000 for infrastructure/landscaping.

Camp Brookwood's required improvements total \$90,000: \$30,000 to raise Howlett Hall and support the building foundation; \$35,000 for an expansion to Howlett Hall and kitchen and electrical system upgrades; \$10,000 for erosion control and seeding; and \$15,000 for general improvements.

As the Bishop said in his

letter, there is a sense of urgency to implement these improvements. The building inspectors and board of health are not into rustic. Let me make it perfectly clear that we need these improvements and we need them now.

Last year's campaign raised \$267,000 from all sources and 10 new cabins were built at Camp Medley (now we can house 160 campers and staff but can't feed them all at the same time) and a new chaplain's quarters was built at Camp Brookwood.

The above estimates just cover the costs of required improvements to continue the camp ministries as they are at their current locations. These are bare bones requirements. Building today is expensive.

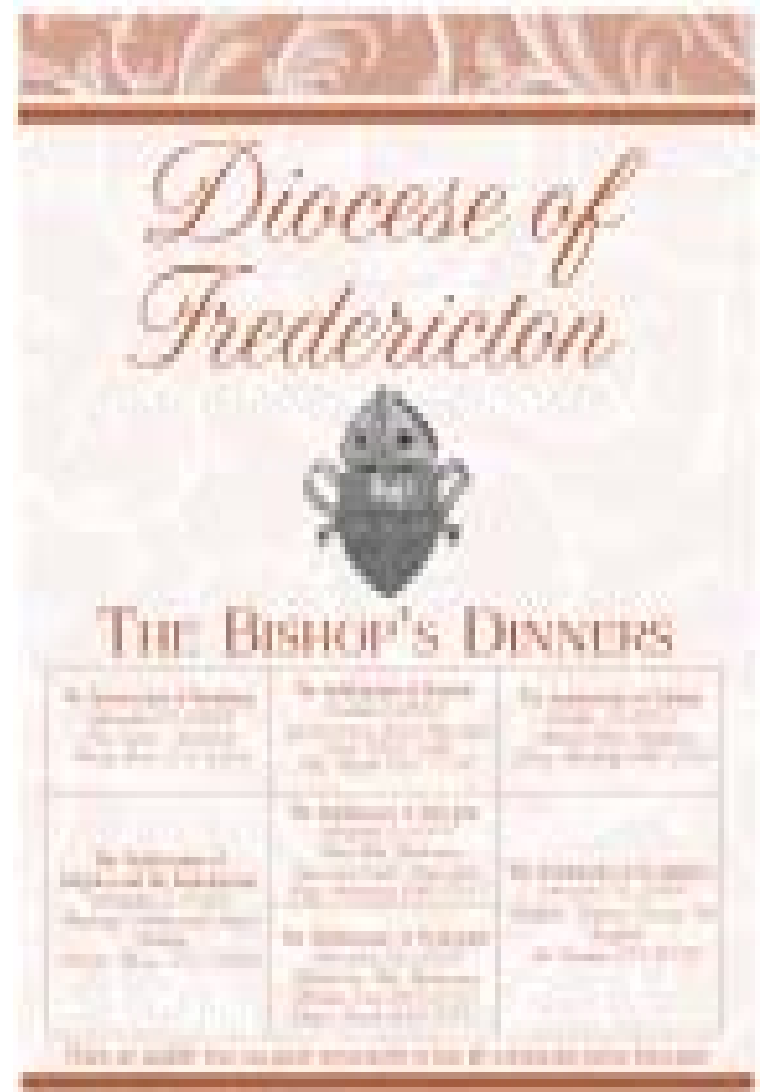
Improvements at Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood depend directly on your generosity. The diocese can only afford to do so much and we have found over the last two years that we cannot rely on government and corporate donors as sure sources of funding.

So, it is up to you. Please come to a Bishop's Dinner, help us celebrate the ministries of Camp Medley and Camp Brookwood, and prayerfully consider making a pledge or donation that will make a difference in the lives of our youth.

Thank you in advance for your support.
Peter Irish
Campaign Coordinator

"The building inspectors and board of health are not into rustic ... we need these improvements and we need them now."

Peter Irish
Chair of Camps Capital Campaign



PARISH NEWS AND VIEWS

INDUCTION IN WWP&A



DAVID WATTS

Kevin Flanagan, a warden in the Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen, presented keys to parish properties to the Rev. Douglas Painter when he was installed as rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Florenceville in September.

WINNING INVITATION



The Salt Reef Sunday school entry from the Anglican Parish of the Nerepis and St. John won Best Overall Entry in the Canada Day Parade at Grand Bay-Westfield. As the parade moved along River Valley Drive, elephants, gorillas and helpers handed out candy and flyers inviting all children to the parish's Safari Adventure Vacation Bible School held this summer.

Reynolds retires

The Rev. Alan Reynolds received glowing tributes from the church and community when he retired as rector of the Parish of Chatham in June.

At a parish party following A Service for Ending the Pastoral Relationship, Sunday school superintendent Brian Loggie compared the parish to a garden, with its flashy annuals and faithful perennials, especially the lilies that take no thought for themselves, but stand reflecting God's glory.

"The garden flourishes long after the gardener has gone," said Mr. Loggie. "Alan Reynolds has planted well. He has nurtured a well-tended garden and now needs a rest. The garden is beautiful in all its diversity and, like any living thing, it will grow and change. I know Alan will return in years to come and see the results of the many seeds he has planted as they continue to grow as hardy and productive Christian plants and flowers."

The people of the parish presented Mr. Reynolds and his wife Betty with a mantle clock and a gift of money which they hope will be useful in their new home outside Saint John. They also presented Mr. Reynolds with a Web-Cam for his computer and presented Mrs. Reynolds with a pair of sapphire/diamond earrings.

More than 200 people from many denominations attended a community retirement party held for the Reynolds. Several speakers paid tribute to his ministry and many people from the community entertained, including Men of Harmony, New Creation, Circle of Friends, the Rev. Don and Jean Hamilton, Frances and Ron Reid, Robbie and Jody Trevors, and Susan Butler. The Reynolds were presented with a framed photo of the Centennial Bridge as well as a gift of money on that occasion.

Summarized from a story in the Parish of Chatham newsletter, written by editor Marie Murphy.



CONFIRMATION AT ST. PETER'S



BETTY ADAMS

Bishop Claude Miller confirmed six candidates at St. Peter's Parish Church in Fredericton last spring. Following the service there was a reception in the church hall. Left to right are: the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb, rector, Miranda Lynn Ludford, Ashley Lynn Hyslop, Alysha Susan Laviolette, Elise Stephanie Rose Bohnsack, Jaret David Griggs, Janette Mary O'Neill and Bishop Miller.

LET THEM EAT CAKE

The Congregations of the Church of the Resurrection and St Paul's, Oak Point (Parish of the Nerepis and St. John) celebrated two significant anniversaries with two significant cakes last spring. In the photo on the left, the Rev. Canon David Jackson and his wife Ruth celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 13, 1965. In the photo on the right, Archdeacon Arthur Gregg and his wife Joyce celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate on May 30, 1965.



OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Leaning tower repaired

St. Paul's Church is on the Shepody Road about 15 kilometres from Sussex and is attached to the Parish of Waterford and St. Mark. The church, a legacy of Irish immigrants, was built of wood and has a seating capacity of 150. In 1851, the Rev. Mr. DeVeber described St. Paul's as a "neat Norman structure, consisting of a tower, nave and chancel of pleasing proportion." Completed by 1856, St. Paul's was consecrated by Bishop Medley on July 23, 1857. Of course, the bishop did not just come to bless this new church. Instead, as was his practice, Medley enriched the church with his gift of the three-pane chancel window, made of "cathedral designed stained glass in diamond panes with an ecclesiastical design."



St. Paul's Church, Londonderry FRANK MOREHOUSE

Regular services have not been held in the church since the 1920's but an annual memorial service has been held since 1936. The original chalice (1857) and prayer book (1864) are brought back each year. The service, which is now held outside, attracts about 200 worshippers.

Over the years the building fell into a state of disrepair prompting Sussex area resident Vernon Seeley to start a fundraising campaign with the hope of eventually restoring the church to its original condition. The leaning steeple was repaired last fall and this summer a crew of volunteers, led by foreman Melrose Scott, worked on the church's exterior, including the roof. Restoring St. Paul's has been a "labour of love" - made possible only by donations of time, labour, money and building materials.

ARCHIVES CORNER

Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, July 1995, October 2004 and September 2005 and from *The Kings County Record*, October 2004.

More donations will be needed to have the church fully restored in time for its 150th anniversary next summer.

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TRADITION REVIVED



LEON HULL

The Parish of Carleton picnic was time for prayer, praise, play and, of course, lots of food. Held in a West Saint John back yard overlooking Partridge Island, there was speculation the singing might have carried to ships entering St. John Harbour. The multi-generational event was a salute to the end of summer and a welcoming of a new season of activity at St. George's Church, the oldest church building in Saint John. The picnic is the first of its kind in recent years, but was once a parish tradition.

ALL SAINTS' CENTENNIAL



The Parish of Salisbury and Havelock gathered at All Saints' Anglican Church in Churches Corner to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the church. Many people attended dressed in 1905 styles. After a celebration of Holy Communion a lunch of sandwiches, cake and ice cream was served.

HOLY SMOKE



The people of the Parish of Canterbury obtained a 20 year mortgage from the Anglican Foundation to build a new rectory. Four years later the debt was paid, the parish had saved more than \$20,000 in interest, and the comfortable, debt-free home stands as "a testament to the understanding that anything is possible for God to accomplish through His people," says the Rev. Chris Hayes, rector of the parish. He is seen above holding the loan documents set ablaze by rector committee chair Ralph Carpenter. About 30 people in the parish gathered in fellowship to celebrate the last payment, admire a new parish library constructed by parishioner Bob Jones, as well as to admire the rectory.

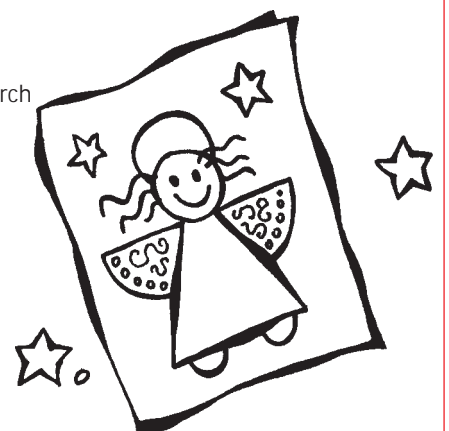
Christmas Bazaar

With Café au Bazaar

Christ Church (Parish) Church

Corner of
Charlotte &
Westmorland Streets
Fredericton

Saturday, Nov. 19,
12:30---3pm



COLUMNS

Learning through stories — something old or something new?

You might think that experiential education or storytelling is a new way of teaching and understanding. It may well be to those of us who have grown up learning through an expert [i.e. a teacher], but it is not. Jesus was an incredible experiential educator, continually using this technique day in and day out. He was occasionally found teaching in the synagogue but he was often found teaching his disciples in a cornfield, the crowds from a boat, or a Samaritan woman at a well. Jesus knew how to take the ordinary things in life and teach spiritual truths from them.

It is often difficult for our young people to understand the Bible stories, because Jesus took things that were familiar 2,000 years ago and taught from them. Today our young people have an even greater need to be taught using their own experiences. Because of technology, easy travel, access to other worlds via internet and television, they have access to experiences that could only have been dreamed about not too many years ago. It is a challenge for us to learn the language and experiences of our young people but we must, so that we can respond by drawing upon them to teach biblical truths.

If you have been involved in spiritual formation for even a



short while, you know that there is no perfect curriculum. I often wish that we could do without a curriculum, because it is my belief that within all of us there is the ability to teach and explore the biblical story, applying it to our young people's daily lives. Realistically we are all incredibly busy and most of us don't have the time to prepare a Bible story each week that will be life giving.

There are excellent modern curriculums available and most of them use up-to-date experiential activities to aid learning. We can use them as guides to help us relate the Bible stories that we tell to the lives of the children and young people in our programs. Each week the challenge is set for us, to make sure the young people know how being a Christian challenges the way they live each day.

The experiences from our own spiritual journeys are also invaluable as we try help young people understand how they can have a deeper relationship with God. When you share your own experiences your actions speak even louder than your words.

Priceless fun on a shoe string budget

BY LESA SCOTT
PARISH OF NEW BANDON

A full five days of sunshine, brook, beach, resourceful rector, couple of teachers, handful of helpful teenagers, and 16 eager children from four to 12 years old are just a few of the ingredients that contributed to a successful Vacation Bible School (VBS) in the Parish of New Bandon this summer.

The theme, Wonderful Wet Water Stories, focused on Noah and the Ark, Moses in the Bulrushes, Jesus Calming the Storm, Jesus Walking on Water, and the Miraculous Catch. The stories were brought to life through songs, videos, games, crafts, and snacks that all revolved around the parable of the day. A short hike to a nearby stream to float a doll in a basket reinforced the story of Moses, and a walk to the beach to gather treasures and roast marshmallows (instead of fish) made the Miraculous Catch more meaningful.

Daily craft projects included a big, sponge painted rainbow, create wave bottles to illustrate the story of Jesus calming the storm, and cement stepping stones created from beach treasures. The children



Each VBS day began with a Bible story that reflected the theme of Wonderful Wet Water Stories. The rector, the Ven. Patricia Drummond (right), read and talked about the story with the children.

even helped to put together snacks like animal cracker cupcakes, stormy sea shakes, and Rice Krispie fruit baskets.

The week of learning and fellowship was put together on a shoe string budget. The Sunday school contributed some supplies. Some of the snacks were leftovers from a recent bake sale.

Although it can be measured in many ways, we judged the success of our VBS by the eagerness of children who returned each day and brought their friends to join the fun. At the end of our fun-filled week one child burst into

tears when he realized it was all over and he wouldn't be returning on Monday. Other signs of success were an appreciative parent who made a donation to our church, even though she and her children attend another parish; countless thank yous; and even more questions like "Are you going to do this again?"

Even our rector, the Ven. Patricia Drummond had a question: "How can we top this next year?"

With God's help you can rest assured we will do our best.

There's a divine fire and nudging soul inside us all

Last month I told you something about John O'Donohue, a Celt, Catholic, married ex-priest who lives, writes and teaches in Burren, County Clare, Ireland. I was introduced to this gentle, elegant Christian on CBC Radio's Tapestry and was so captivated by his sharp wit, generous perception, earthy human warmth and big laugh that I sought his web site which in turn lured me to an annual May retreat at his ancestral home. This month I will try to share with you some of his most profound messages and ideas.

John O'Donohue models a life lived from the sanctuary of the soul, that shelter we have at the centre of life, from where our dreams speak. He says our creativity is sparked by divine energy. It births our generativity (mature and unselfish love) and fire. Indeed, he believes there is a divine fire in us all.

"Come into your Eucharistic depth and be held in the eternal instead of standing in your own way," he told us. He maintains man of us live our lives and never find ourselves



in ourselves. Then he reminded us we don't receive the eternal (as from above), we are held in the eternal.

"The soul nudges us to the life for which we are created. It knows the geography of our destiny, that there is no neutral destiny in creation." We, however, are addicted to surface things — celebrity, sensation, sound-bites and laziness — and we tend to do little root work. Sometimes we function unconsciously their entire lives.

He goes on to say we frequently take the longest to arrive at what is the nearest. He illustrates the point with a quote from *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho, a modern fable about following your dream: "It may be that the satisfaction I need depends on my going away, so that when I've gone and come back, I'll find it at home."

Nelson Mandela said it was not the surfeit of endless time facing the inmates in Robben Prison that was daunting, but the inwardness, the hugeness of one's own depth and perhaps the emptiness of one's own human nature. There is symmetry in the way you know yourself and the way you get to know God. You are the most intimate text of divine God you will read, Mandela said.

It is extremely difficult to open our heart to our own pain, loneliness, hunger and negativity, but if we fail to do this, if we freeze out these problems, then they become fears and anxieties. We freeze our spirit. If a hazelnut is not broken open it withers and dies. It must be used and fed for empowerment.

When we are at the end of our own resources — the point of total exhaustion or with a pure hit of trouble with a capital T — we are at the point of potential anointing by God. There is the possibility of ambush by a moment of pure epiphany. At other moments of regular brightness we have a clear eye to see the holy moment. We need to be aware, watch for these and not allow

our eyes to become corroded. We must fill our lives with the grace of wholesome heart food.

I defined generativity earlier as "mature and unselfish love," but it is more. It has a concern for the next generations, it is an extension of love into the future. John says it is that live spark that we nurture. It needs a mind furnished with the strange and the unusual, the discipline to think laterally and to work on one's mind.

Thought itself is one of the greatest mysteries. He says we do not value and look after our minds by reading. At the end, all we have left is integrity of presence. "Trust not to fill it with foam."

The divine fire in us requires heart as well as mind, for us to reach out in relationship. Here again superficiality is the temptation of the age. John says we should treat every "humanoid" with the utmost of tenderness and deepest respect, looking into one another's eyes as if into those of the beloved.

Generosity is a forgotten attitude in a "me-me" world. One of our workshops reminded me of the Ghost-

Busters line, "Who you going to call?" John asked us how many people we have in our lives with whom we really share deeply. With whom can we talk of our deep feelings, beliefs and values? This is a deep need not met in many of us. It is the cause of so much isolation and exile in our church and of the huge growth of the therapy business.

To John, death is the call of being towards becoming, a call that transforms the darkness of matter into utter luminosity. He asked a small gypsy child who had just lost his mother what he thought death was like. The child answered, "We all go inside fully."

Some children are in touch with what happened before birth, while we adults have forgotten where we came from. "Are the dead back behind the front?" he asks.

It all makes wonderful sense to a man who believes we all are but a visible form around a secret music, a creative dance, a fire of Divine love.

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We give thanks . . . forget the magic words

BY JIM IRVINE

Who among us has not heard the coaxing admonition of a parent at table: "What is the magic word?" The answer, limited to "please" or "thank you", is universal. We have been lured into a mindset where magic undergirds much of our lives. If we are forthcoming with a prompt please, the request somehow cannot be avoided or declined. We get the salt and pepper. We get the rolls and butter. Parents apply the pattern; and it is extended to God.

Our supplicant please seldom disappoints. It has become a talisman. Thank you seems less in demand. The salt and pepper now in hand, courtesy is no longer necessary.

Grace at meals has been part of my table habit from before I knew the polite exchange of magic words. When my plate was at eye level as I sat on the Eaton's catalogue and a cushion, my father would say the grace and my mother and I would say "Amen".

His grace was immutable: "O God, we thank you for this food; and we ask that your blessing be with us." It prefaced our meals until 1955, when I was ten years old and my father had a heart attack.

On his return from the hospital he paused before the grace to observe that we had regularly acknowledged our thanks, prayed for God's blessing to be with us. He had reflected on this and other events of our family life during his illness. He concluded God's blessing was with us — in good times as well as difficult. He changed our grace accordingly. "O God, we thank you for this food; and we ask that your blessing *remain* with us." So it continues to this day.

My father faithfully observed the grace wherever we ate together. When we attended early Holy Communion at Trinity Church, our parish church in Saint John, we often had breakfast at the Riviera Restaurant just a few doors away on Charlotte Street. On one of those occasions, recently elected Bishop Henry O'Neil (in town for confirmation) attended the same service and restaurant.

When the waitress brought our breakfast that morning, grace was soon said. The bishop noticed our quiet moment as a family. On his way to the cashier he came to our table to acknowledge it.

My father died five years later, but I continue to recognize the principle he



shared with us that day 50 years past. I gave thanks at college and in my parish, I give thanks in my home, and in public places.

Thankfulness in the midst of each day, consciousness of God's blessing in the midst of each circumstance — these two principles have been operative for me at every table. I have said my father's grace over Kraft Dinner and Thanksgiving roast turkey. I have said it over a clubhouse sandwich in a hospital cafeteria and over a hot dog in an exhibition midway.

When I sit to eat with my adult children they pause before the meal and ask me to say grace. They know I cannot eat without keeping faith with that simple tradition. I can consume nutrients — don't worry dear reader, I do not neglect my health by avoiding a regular diet — but in a company of others, thanks is required. What I am saying is that I have found, deep within my being, the effect that my father's simple grace has had on a life of six decades.

Thankfulness is essentially corporate, not isolated. While I might be polite with magic words, my sense of thankfulness has been, from the very beginning, of the nature that requires another to be thankful with. I cannot be thankful to God alone. Alone, I am only polite.

The compliment to this principle is that for which I share thanks: a continuing presence, in community. You and I bring together lives that are challenged and engaged by Emmanuel — God with us. Your life touched by God challenges my epiphany of redemptive presence; as mine might be a challenge for you to begin to see God. We neglect each other to our own peril. In you I begin to see the working out of redemptive love and the reality of God's continuing presence, and I am moved to thanks.

Thanksgiving finds expression in liturgies, where we certainly do not gather alone. For those who find themselves alone with their doubts and their consternation, thanksgiving is reduced to magic, and often silence.

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INTERCESSIONS

OCTOBER

¶21: Parish of McAdam, (vacant), the Rev. Eric Caldwell, interim priest-in-charge; David Watts, online student Atlantic School of Theology. Good Samaritan Parish, the Rev. Manoel Severino Moraes, OSE, the Rev. Fábio Vasconcelos, coadjutor.

¶22: Parish of Madawaska. (St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United shared ministry) the Rev. Fran Bedell, deacon-in-charge. Holy Spirit Anglican Parish, the Rev. Miguel Uchôa Cavalcanti, coadjutor; the Rev. Geison Sávio de Holanda, coadjutor, the Rev. Fernando Acosta, assistant.

¶23: Clergy and people of the Diocese of St. Albans-Bedford, Canterbury, Bishop Richard Neil Inwood. Diocese of Recife, Reconciliation Anglican Parish, the Rev. Claudio de Souza Linhares, OSF, the Rev. Lilian P. da Costa Linhares, OSF assistant, the Rev. Claudio Norberto OSF, assistant, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Dawson City - St. Paul, Moosehide - St. Barnabas, Eagle, Alaska - St. John, the Klondike Creeks, the Dempster Highway, the Ven. John Tyrrell, (Archdeacon of the Klondike), Deacon Carol Tyrrell & family, Deacon Percy Henry, the Ven. Ken Snider, honorary assistant, Aldene Snider & family, Mabel Henry, Shirley Pennell, licensed lay ministers, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶24: Parish of Marysville, the Rev. John Cathcart; the Ven. J. F. N. Jones (retired). Saint Paul Anglican Parish, the Rev. Juciara Rodrigues.

¶25: Parishes of Maugerville & Oromocto, the Rev. Keith Howlett. Redeemer Anglican Parish, the Rev. Vera Lúcia Lins Silva, interim rector, the Rev. Nadja Lins, assistant.

¶26: Parish of Millidgeville, the Rev. Alvin Westgate, the Rev. Canon Brian Campion, honorary assistant, the Rev. Paul McCracken, honorary assistant; the Rev. Tom Knox (retired). Good Shepherd Anglican Parish, Dom Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, OSE, interim rector, the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF, assistant.

¶27: Parish of Minto & Chipman, the Rev. Eileen Irish. Christ The Saviour Anglican Parish, Dom Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, OSE, interim rector, the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF, assistant.

¶28: Parish of Moncton, the Rev. Chris VanBuskirk; Marian Lucas-Jeffries, Atlantic School of Theology. Reconciliation Anglican Parish, the Rev. Claudio de Souza Linhares, OSF, the Rev. Lilian P. da Costa Linhares, OSF assistant, the Rev. Claudio Norberto OSF, assistant.

¶29: Parish of Musquash, the Rev. Bonnie Baird. Redemption Anglican Parish, the Ven. Maria Gorete Correia, OSE.

¶30: Clergy and people of the Diocese of St. John's, Southern Africa, Bishop Sitembele Tobela Mzamane. Diocese of Recife,

Redemption Anglican Parish, the Ven. Maria Gorete Correia, OSE, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Old Crow - St. Luke, Rev. Deacon Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family, lay ministry team, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶31: Parish of Nerepis and St. John, the Ven. Vicars Hodge, the Rev. Paul Ranson assistant curate, the Ven. Arthur Gregg, honorary assistant; the Rev. Canon Lloyd Lake (retired). Jesus From Nazareth Anglican Parish, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF

NOVEMBER

¶1: Parish of New Bandon, the Ven. Patricia Drummond. Sower Anglican Parish, the Rev. Quintino Orengo.

¶2: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, the Rev. Richard Steeves; the Rev. Wilfred Langmaid. Mediator Anglican Parish, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcanti, the Rev. João Cância Peixoto coadjutor, the Rev. Gustavo Gilson, assistant.

¶3: Parish of New Maryland, the Rev. Bruce McKenna. Saviour Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira, Cláudio Luiz Figueiredo de Brito, assistant lay minister.

¶4: Parish of Pennfield, the Rev. Keith Osborne; Jen Bourque, student Montreal Diocesan. Good News Anglican Parish, the Rev. Israel P. Cardoso da Silva, OSF, Eliane Cardoso OSF, assistant lay minister.

¶5: Parish of Portland, the Rev. Gordon Thompson. Nativity Anglican Parish, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, Rodson Ricardo, OSE, assistant lay minister.

¶6: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Taita-Taveta, Kenya, Bishop Samson Mwakitawa Mwaluda. Diocese of Athabasca, the Most Rev. John Clarke and Synod office staff. Diocese of Recife, Jesus From Nazareth Anglican Parish, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Sarah Usher, Diocesan Administrative Officer, members of the Diocesan Executive Committee, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶7: Parish of Prince William, the Rev. Elaine Hamilton; Padre Steele Lazerte chaplain, St. Luke's Chapel, CFB Gagetown. Communion Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira.

¶8: Parish of Quispamsis, the Rev. John Tremblay. Living Waters Anglican Parish, the Rev. Siméa Meldrum.

¶9: Parish of Renforth, the Rev. Eric Phinney; the Rev. William LeGrand, on leave. Olive Garden Anglican Parish, the Rev. Maurício Coelho, the Rev. Estevão Menezes OSE coadjutor, the Rev. Marco Antonio Mota & André Luiz de Souza lay minister, assistants.

¶10: Parish of Restigouche, the Rev. Andrew Fraser. Philadelphia Anglican Mission, the Rev. Luiz

Marcos Silva, OSE, Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida lay minister, assistant.

¶11: Parish of Richmond, the Rev. Christopher Hayes; Terrence Chandra, student Wycliffe. Freedom Anglican Mission, lay minister Júlio Gomes.

¶12: Parish of Riverview, the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove. Christ the Liberator Anglican Mission, Flávio Adair lay minister.

¶13: Clergy and people of the Diocese of Diocese of West Texas, USA, Bishop Don Adger Wimberly, Suffragan, Bishop Rayford Bains High, Bishop James Edward Folts coadjutor, Bishop Gary Lillibridge, Suffragan Bishop Robert Boyd Hibbs. Diocese of Recife, Sower Anglican Parish, the Rev. Quintino Orengo, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Pattie Tetlich Yukon Apostolate, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries, the Rev. Deacon Susan Titterington, diocesan youth coordinator, Bishop Terry buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶14: Parish of Rothesay, the Ven. Richard McConnell; Bishop George C. Lemmon (retired). Pentecost Anglican Mission, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcante.

¶15: Parish of St. Andrews, the Rev. Canon John Matheson. Hope Anglican Mission, the Ven. Quintino Orengo, Manoel Nunes lay minister, assistant.

¶16: Parish of St. Andrew's, Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, the Rev. Robert Salloum; the Rev. Canon Elaine Lucas (retired). Consoler Anglican Mission, the Rev. Antonio Costa de Oliveira.

¶17: Parish of St. David & St. Patrick, the Rev. Canon John Matheson, priest-in-charge. Salvation Anglican Mission, Jeane G. Arruda de M. Coelho, lay minister.

¶18: Parish of St. George, the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid; Isabel Cutler, distance ed student Atlantic School of Theology. Saint Francis Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF.

¶19: Parish of St. James, Moncton, the Rev. Donald Routledge (on leave). Bethel Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Evilásio Tenório da Silva Júnior.

¶20: PRAY for the persecuted Church - Clergy and people of the Diocese of Torit - (Sudan) Bishop Wilson Arop Ogwok Ocheng, Diocese of Wau - (Sudan) Bishop Henry Cuir Riak. Diocese of Recife, Mediator Anglican Parish, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcanti, the Rev. João Cância Peixoto coadjutor, the Rev. Gustavo Gilson, assistant, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff. Diocese of Yukon, Mission Education & PWRDF Co-ordinator the Rev. David Pritchard, Diocesan ACW President, Gloria Hockley and all ACW members, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

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COMING EVENTS

Integrity Anniversary

Integrity Fredericton, a group of gay and lesbian Anglicans and their friends, will observe its first anniversary on Oct. 16 with a Eucharist at 4 o'clock at St. John's in Oromocto, followed by a potluck social.

"We want to thank all the people throughout this diocese who have expressed appreciation for this ministry in the last year," says the Rev. Keith Howlett in a recent release. "We also give thanks for the motion passed at the Diocesan Synod this year: 'That this Diocesan Synod renounce homophobia and all forms of sexual hypocrisy and abuse as evils against which Christians must always be on guard and affirm all peoples as precious in God's sight.'" He goes on to thank the clergy who have celebrated the Eucharist and provided

spiritual talks at Integrity monthly meetings and the people of St. John's, Oromocto, who opened their doors and offered hospitality.

Integrity Fredericton will offer a four-week study group on Wednesday evenings between Oct. 19 and Nov. 16. The study will not be held on Nov. 9, when the Integrity group will attend an evening with Eldon Hay — a human rights activist and recent recipient of the Order of Canada — at the Fredericton Public Library.

The study will use the House of Bishops publication *Issues in Human Sexuality* as a resource. Location of the study will be announced on the Integrity website <http://www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity/index.htm> or thorough Mr. Howlett at 506/357-2285.

St. Luke's Day

St. Paul's Church, Rothesay, will honour St. Luke, The Beloved Physician, St. Luke's day, Sunday, Oct. 23. Dr. Brian Wheelock, Chief of Staff of the Saint John Regional hospital will be guest speaker at the 10 a.m. service, which will be followed by a reception and community fair featuring issues in which the community may like to get involved. There will also be information tables about CPR, organ donation, diabetes and hospice care as well as the spiritual and pastoral care services available in local hospitals.

The Parish of Rothesay sees this annual event as an opportunity to deepen its awareness of the many levels involved in health care. It is also an opportunity to say thank you to the many people

who work so hard within the system.

Luke was a Gentile convert to Christianity and like most physicians in these days, was probably a slave. As a frequent companion to Paul as well as physician to many in the early church community, his skill and commitment are reflected in the Beloved Physician appellation.

A Cup of Cool Water

A Cup of Cool Water, a conference for the Diocese of Fredericton, offers resources to Anglicans to strengthen their daily walk with Christ. Sponsored by Anglican Essentials New Brunswick, it will be held at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29 and features two guest speakers. Dr. Marion Taylor, professor of Old Testament at Wycliffe College, and the Rev.

Canon Dr. Barry Parker, incumbent at St. Paul's, Bloor Street in Toronto will address the challenges of living a holy life in difficult days.

On Saturday morning a new steering committee for Anglican Essentials New Brunswick will be elected and is intended to include lay as well as clergy members. Of course there will also be times of worship, bringing our sacrifice of praise to our God.

Brochures and registration forms are available in every parish and participants need not be members of Essentials. Registration is \$25 before Oct. 15, \$30 after that date and includes lunch on Saturday. Janet Edwards, the registrar, can be reached at 506/658-9781 or jedwa@nbnet.nb.ca. Registrations can also be mailed to A Cup of Cool Water, care of Stone Church, 87 Carleton St., Saint John E2L 2Z2.

YOUTH

Let There Be Silence

BY GEORGE PORTER, 1984

Let there be silence in a world torn by
War, raped by machines, wracked by cries
of pain

From the poor and children crushed by
grinding

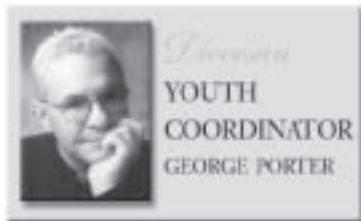
Politics and economics and sin.
The greed of our technological way,
Our deep personal self-idolatry,
Fills the stillness with empty promises
Like some cosmic political campaign
Ringing our ears with many hollow hopes.

Let there be silence in a world of noise
Endlessly echoing through confusion
And this mad rush that sweeps us
helplessly

Along through incomprehensible life,
Ignorant and fearful of the meaning
Of what is going on beyond our shells.

Let there be silence in the world to say
No to the sounds of powerful chaos,
No to molding by principalities
And to sinister, sly shaping powers
Working in the dark, shadowy places
Unseen by mostly unsuspecting eyes,
No to the stalking walk of death's angel.

Let there be silence in created earth
To feel the sting of rampant injustice
Burning white crosses in violent night
And bleeding wombs broken before new
birth.



Let there be silence in a world of words
To hear the distant voice of God draw
near

When saying no is not enough this time,
When saying yes may not be as easy
As the clearly spoken refusal
To hold evil dear, instead of embracing
The stubbornly persisting divine yes
That will not return lost in darkness.

Let there be silence in the world to fall
And die, silence to await coming life,
Silence to become living parables.

Let there be silence in the world to touch
The crucified one around, among, and
With us as we move through the
sacrament
Of incarnating his body and blood.

GOOD, CLEAN FUN?



Old clothes are essential for the popular obstacle course at Camp Medley.

CAROL ANNINGSO

Cathedral
Youth Service

Oct. 16 6:30 p.m.

With speaker

Jonathan Springthorpe

Youth Worker at
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Music too

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"Remember now the Creator
in the days of your youth..." —Ecclesiastes 12:1

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